

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed herein are a wash water-circulating apparatus for washing machines and a method of controlling the same.

5 The wash water-circulating apparatus comprises a circulation channel connected between one side of a tub and the other side of the tub for allowing wash water to circulate therethrough, a pump assembly disposed on the circulation channel for forcibly circulating the wash water, and a water level sensor  
10 disposed at the pump assembly or on the circulation channel downstream of the pump assembly for measuring the water pressure of the wash water discharged from the pump assembly. According to the present invention, the minimum amount of the wash water necessary for the pump operation is used when the  
15 washing and rinsing processes are carried out, whereby the consumed amount of the wash water is decreased, and the operational reliability of the pump is improved.

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